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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION PORT WORKERS BOSS TOLOSA

1. LONG-TIME BOSS ARGENTINE PORT WORKERS FEDERATION SECGEN EUSTAQUIO TOLOSA RECEIVED THREE BULLET WOUNDS IN UNSUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT MORNING MARCH 2. TOLOSA FOUGHT OFF ATTACKERS WHO FIRED INTO CAR OCCUPIED BY TOLOSA, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER. WOUNDS WERE NOT SERIOUS. PORT WORKERS FEDERATION DECLARED WORK STOPPAGE 0700 TO 2400 MARCH 23 IN REPUDIATION ATTACK.

2. TOLOSA AND OTHER FEDERATION OFFICERS CHARGED BUENOS AIRES PORT WORKERS UNION (SUPA) OFFICERS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSAULT. TOLOSA LOST RECENT SUPA ELECTIONS TO OTHER ORTHODOX PERONIST, CESAR LOZA. SINCE THAT TIME TOLOSA HAS MAINTAINED CONTINUAL ATTACK ON LOZA, CHARGING HIM WITH DISHONESTY, BEING ANTI-PERONIST AND COLLABORATOR WITH LEFTISTS. DURING PAST WEEK TOLOSA PUBLISHED TWO PAGE DENUNCIATION BA NEWSPAPERS REITERATING CHARGES AGAINST LOZA. TOLOSA HAS RECEIVED MANY DEATH THREATS, SOME JUST PRIOR TO PUBLISHING NOTED DENUNCIATION. IN PAST HIS FOLLOWERS HAVE PROMISED "BLOOD AND FIRE" RESPONSE SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN TO

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HIM. IN VIEW TRADITION OF VIOLENCE ON WATERFRONT, SOME SORT OF

REPRISAL AGAINST SUPA OFFICERS WOULD APPEAR LIKELY.

3. IN NON-RELATED ACT OF VIOLENCE, ADOLFO CAVALLI, FORMER SEC GEN
OF STATE PETROLEUM WORKERS UNION (SUPE) WAS ASSASSINATED MARCH 1.
CAVALLI LOST UNION POSITION FOLLOWING FALL-OUT WITH PERON IN
1971. HIS DEATH IS UNLIKELY TO CAUSE ANY REACTION BY ORTHODOX
PERONIST FORCES.

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